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### **DoD Releases BRAC 2005 Results; NGA Facilities Affected**

Today, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld forwarded his recommendations to the independent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commission. Included in his recommendations, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) will consolidate its facilities in the east at Fort Belvoir, Va. If approved, the consolidations and closures of current facilities are anticipated to take several years in a phased process.

Consolidating NGA facilities in the east will solve critical security and force protection issues for the Agency as well as create a world-class working environment for the workforce that will better enable the NGA to accomplish its increasingly complex, diverse and expanding missions.

The Defense Department said BRAC was designed to achieve several goals: eliminate excess infrastructure; reshape our military; pursue jointness; optimize military readiness; and realize significant savings in support of transforming the Department of Defense. According to the BRAC announcement, NGA will close all its facilities in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC and move them to Ft. Belvoir, Va.

None of the announcements are official until the recommendations are approved by the BRAC Commission, forwarded to the President for his approval, and approved by the Congress. In the interim, NGA will begin prudent planning and will keep the public informed via press announcements and postings to its Web site.

NGA is a Department of Defense combat support agency and a member of the National Intelligence Community whose mission is to provide timely, relevant and accurate geospatial intelligence in support of our national security. Geospatial intelligence is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess and visually depict physical features and geographically referenced activities on the Earth. Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., NGA has major facilities in the Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, and St. Louis, Mo., areas with NGA support teams worldwide.

For further information, please visit the DoD BRAC Web site at: <http://www.defenselink.mil/brac/> and the NGA Web site at <http://www.nga.mil>.